

JOHN M. AND JANE BELL  
THACKER



John M. Thacker was born May 7, 1885, at Heber City, a son of William Timothy and Sarah Tonks Thacker. He married Jane Ann Bell on September 6, 1905. She was born August 26, 1888, at Buysville, daugh-

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*Thacker Sawmill  
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#### BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

ter of William C. and Annie Lenora Bell. John M. died July 3, 1961.

John M. was born in a little log house across the street from the Heber Mercantile store. When he was three years old his parents moved to a farm on Daniels Creek. At 13 years of age he worked for 35¢ a day and took flour for \$3 a hundred.

When 14, he went to Wyoming with his father to work for his uncle at the sawmill. He received 75¢ per day and board, thus making enough to buy a small bunch of sheep. At 17 he was back from Wyoming and went to work with his father cutting rock for the bank and other buildings.

Jane Ann Bell was born in a small log cabin and adobe house at Buysville on a ranch her father was clearing to farm. She worked hard at every kind of work on the farm from the time she could remember. After she and John were married, John sold his sheep and left for a mission to the Central States, October 11, 1905, where he spent 26 months, arriving home December 10, 1907.

On January 2, he and Jane went to work for his Uncle Charles Thacker at the sawmill in Strawberry Valley, where they stayed until the end of March. He went west to shear sheep in April and engaged in this work for several years. In 1914 they bought the sawmill from his uncle and saved lumber for the next 30 years in the summer time.

In 1919, they sold their home in Daniel and moved to Pleasant View where they had a fruit farm. In 1925 they sold this and bought a sawmill and farm in Tabiona where they lived two years. Losing all this they moved back to Daniel, bought a lot and built a home. After several years they moved to Provo and then to Orem where they now live.

They were the parents of 11 children: Murray, Kelsey, Elita, Piccola, Sarah (a stillborn), Wilson, Dallas, Verona, Nora Bell and Leona.